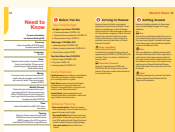


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Tips for a smooth trip



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The best things to see and do, neighborhood by neighborhood



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Make the most of your visit



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 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

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|---|---|
|  Telephone Numbers     |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours         |  Pet-Friendly    |
|  Parking               |  Bus             |
|  Nonsmoking            |  Ferry           |
|  Internet Access       |  Metro           |
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|  Vegetarian Selection  |  Tram            |
|  English-Language Menu |  Train           |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighborhood:



### Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during the Spanish Civil War. The bar is a showpiece is a favorite hangout for Papa Hemingway. Open by Papa Hemingway. Dress code: smart casual. Website: [www.barhemingway.com](http://www.barhemingway.com); Hôtel Ritz. Hours: 6.30pm-2am.

## Lonely Planet's Havana

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighborhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Havana.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

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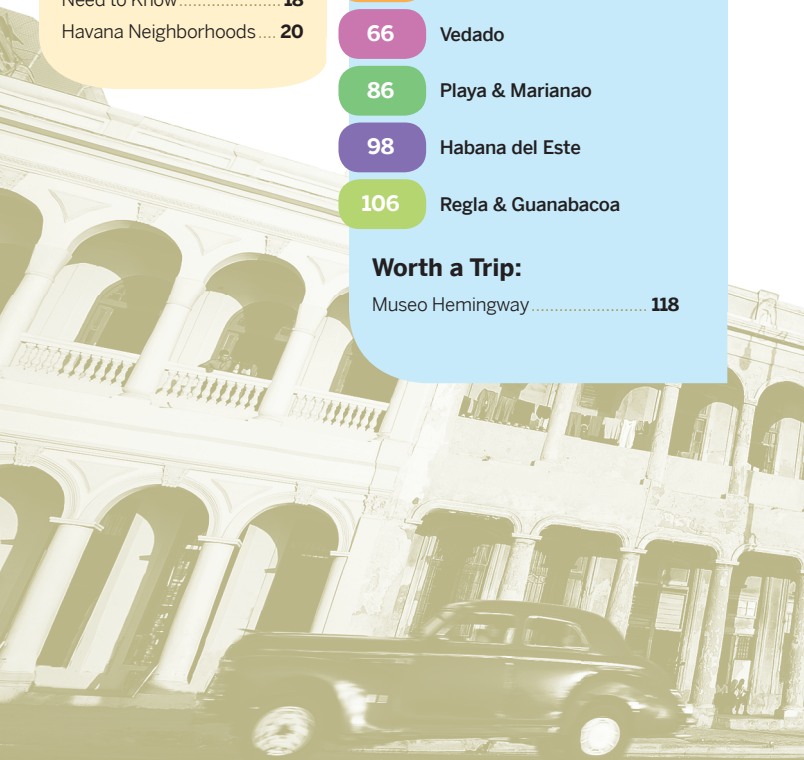
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## Welcome to Havana

On first impressions, Havana can seem like a confusing jigsaw puzzle, but work out how to put the pieces together and a beautiful picture emerges. It's too audacious, too contradictory, and, despite 60 years of withering neglect, too damn beautiful. How it does it is anyone's guess.

Maybe it's the swashbuckling history, the survivalist spirit, or the indefatigable salsa energy that emanates most emphatically from the people. Arrive with an open mind and prepare for a long, slow seduction.



# Havana Top Sights

## Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes (p50)

Cuba's finest art gallery.

